

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits this Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application. Respectfully submitted herewith are substitute drawings for entry and consideration. Furthermore, paragraph 39 of the specification has been amended to correct reference to compressor specification to which measurements from the present invention are compared. It should be recognized that no new matter has been introduced or added into the current prosecution as the substitute drawings and proposed modification to the specification are well within Applicant's original disclosure of the present invention.

Should the Examiner have any questions or suggestions for expediting allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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